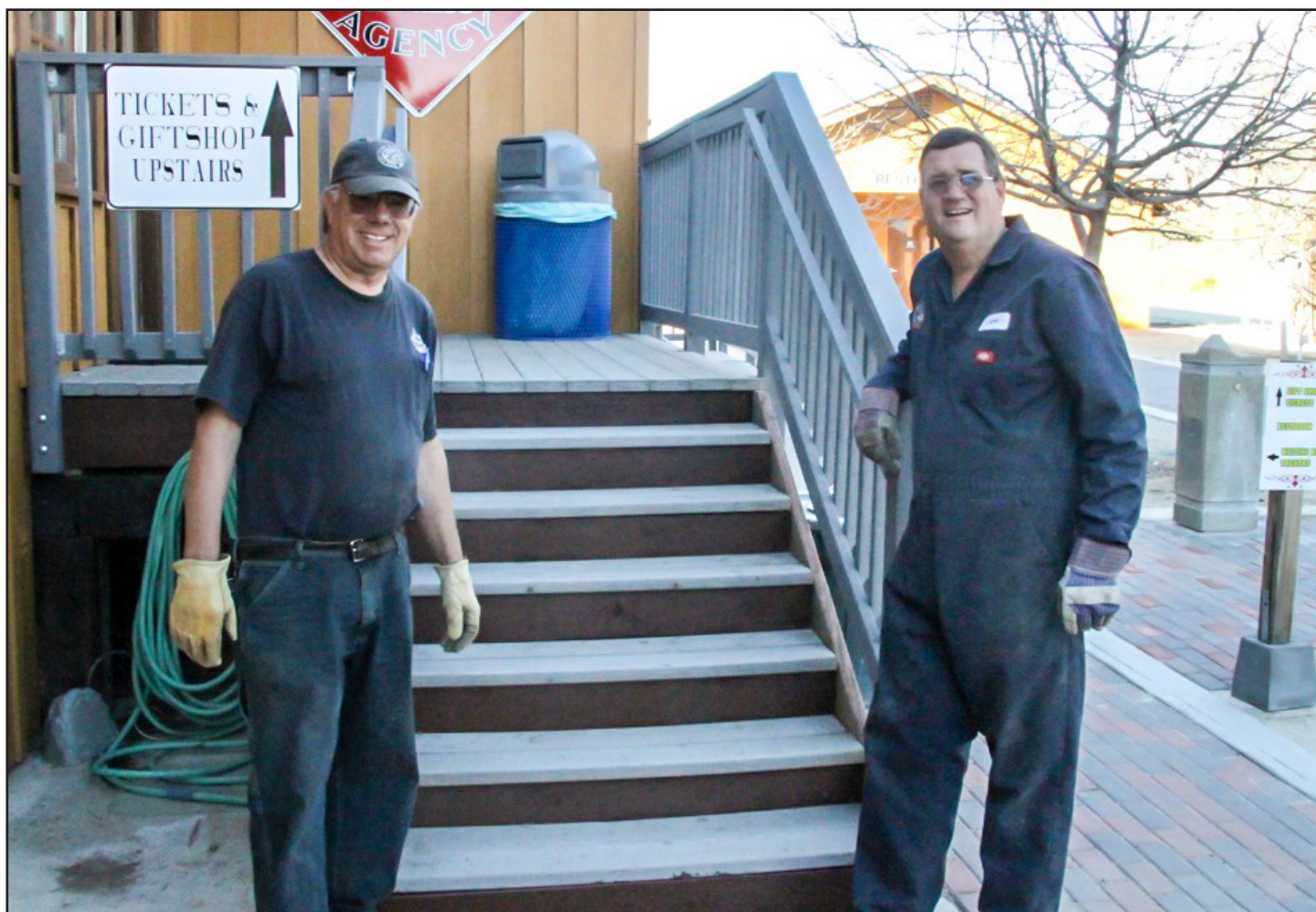


HOT SCOOP



A publication dedicated to Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association members
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Facilities Director Frank Denison (L) and Museum Services Director Jim Lundquist prepare to replace the steps to the Gift Shop at the Campo Depot.

Frank Denison

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Board Briefs-March 2014

Submitted by Rob Stebbins, Secretary

All eight members of the Association's Board of Directors participated in the March 28th meeting. Concerning financial matters, Sheila Edwards handed out January and February monthly profit and loss statements. Both months showed positive operating results. The overall financial position of the Association remains strong, with the primary checking account holding a balance in excess of \$151,000 and total account balances in excess of \$307,000. However, despite the fact that there are lots of fix-up projects in the in-box, these good numbers do not mean we can wildly spend money. Our basic monthly costs continue to climb upward, and our revenue in the summer months is depressed. We rely heavily on the fourth quarter special events (Pumpkin Express and North Pole Limited trains) to pay the entire year's bills. The Board also continued the previous month's discussion on the use of debit cards by select volunteers who regularly need to purchase supplies for the Campo facility and re-stock gift shop inventories. After discussion, the Board approved increases in the base amount available each month on these cards.

Diana discussed the Association's Collections Policy that was first approved by the Board in 2003. She presented a few minor adjustments to that policy, which the Board accepted. This policy was being discussed in connection with the membership-approved "deaccession" of the Chesapeake and Ohio caboose. The policy will be posted the "volunteer" section of the PSRM.org web site so that all members may become aware of it.

Young PSRMA member James Caestecker, along with Operations Director Mike Edwards, made a presentation to the Board regarding fund-raising for Maintenance-of-Way equipment and supplies. James, along with several others of our younger members, all working under

the guidance of Track Foreman Glen Rogers, have been "working on the railroad" replacing worn-out ties and in general bringing the 6 miles between Campo and Division into much better shape. James' proposal involves running the Engineer For An Hour program more often, and specifying that monies earned from these EFAH events go to fund MOW needs. The Board accepted the proposal, which will be fine-tuned by the Operations Department for implementation when practical.

The Board also discussed a proposal received from Don Evans, our facilitator at the February strategic planning workshop, to provide consulting services for the next three years as we develop a long-range plan for the expansion of facilities at Campo, along with plans on how to fund such expansion. After a good discussion, the Board accepted in principle Don's offer. Diana Hyatt will now interface with Don to draw up a final contract. We are excited about moving forward with well-thought-out, documented expansion plans encompassing a long-term vision of what PSRM and specifically the Campo facility can become with the help of a strong volunteer and membership base. At the appropriate time in the near future, the Board will be reaching out to the membership for input, both for ideas and funding, on taking our wonderful museum to a new, higher, more sustainable level.♦

Editor's Note: No Board Briefs for April were submitted.♦

Docents Needed For La Mesa Depot Museum

By Dick Pennick, La Mesa Depot Coordinator

Dr. Sid Saltzstein, the long-time Chief Docent at the museum's historic La Mesa Depot Museum in downtown La Mesa, has decided to retire. After more than ten years anchoring the staffing at this very-visible in-town venue, he feels

the time has come to pass the baton to some new blood.

Although the advertised open hours for the exhibit are Saturday afternoons, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., the hours are flexible, except for several special events during the year. These include Flag Day in June, Oktoberfest in October, and Christmas in the Village in December. Other special times could include La Mesa's Back to the 50's Classic Car Show, held on Wednesday evenings during the summer.

The La Mesa venue is the City's original railway station, first constructed by the pioneer San Diego, Cuyamaca & Eastern Railway (now the MTS Orange Line) in the fall of 1894 to replace a simple freight platform put up 5 years earlier. The wood structure was enlarged in 1915 to its present size. A full-size steam-powered freight train and Southern Pacific caboose is also on display here.

If interested, contact me at pennick@psrm.org. Training is provided. ♦

Run A Locomotive on Father's Day Weekend!

What an awesome gift idea for the men in your life on the Father's Day weekend, June 14/15 at our Campo train-operation center: an opportunity to take the controls of a big, powerful diesel railroad locomotive and actually run it down the track using the throttle, airbrake and horn! Ladies are welcome, too.

Only seven 1-hour slots are available each day, beginning at 10 a.m., so it's first-come, first-served on our website, www.psrn.org. Buy as many slots as you like and share them with family and friends. Non-member price is \$175/hr. but museum members get a \$25 discount. Don't miss out on this thrilling, rare opportunity to be an "Engineer-For-An-Hour".

If you miss out on this one, more weekend dates are planned this summer thru

August 24th: June 28/29, July 26/27, and August 23/24.

Think you might want to learn to be a real locomotive engineer on the museum's railroad? Expert training is available. If interested, contact the museum's training officer Mike Edwards at trainsdancer169@hotmail.com. ♦



Stuart Cohen of Colbert, WA at the controls of SP 3873 on Father's Day 2012.

New Members and Donations

Submitted by Heather Wright, Membership Coordinator

Welcome to the following new PSRM members:

Juan Benitez, Robert Bennett, Ralph Bettis, Jim Bowers, Lisa Capper, Larry Carlson, Rhonda Correia, Ben Donovan, Rosabla Duran, James Evans, Ron Fleming, Alexandra Frease, Kevin Goldsbary, Stephanie Hansen, Jeremy Hutchinson, Bill Joo, Cheri Kennedy, Roger LaFrance, Raymond Lee, Raymond Lee, Camisha Moniz, Jim Murphy, Ginny Muth, John Nelson, Alan Okazaki, Habert Juan Oliverio, George Peairs, James Peterson, Robert Pierson, Raul Pulido, Dennis Richardson, Jennifer Ross, Julia Smith,



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A big thanks to the following for their generous donations to the museum:

The Moxie Foundation, Robert Noble, and Robert Buchanan. ♦

MUSEUM SERVICES NEWS

By Jim Lundquist, Museum Services Director

Library News:

Bruce Semelsberger reports from the library that we had a number of research requests and entertained some visitors, while most of the work accomplished has been on the infrastructure. One highlight that wasn't was our presentation at the annual conference of the Congress of History. Diana Hyatt and Bruce put together a PowerPoint of our museum's history utilizing our extensive photo collection. We had to sort through several hundred photos to get down to about 40 that were used. Jim Lundquist now plans to go through the culled photos to do some storyboards/ displays shortly. This task would have been much simpler if we had done some cataloging of the museum photos, but such was not the case. Here is a great project for someone to take on! We now have a rough sorting to start with, but there are still a couple of drawers of unsorted photos to go through. Ideally, we would have names and dates for all of our personnel in the pictures, and then we could create a data file and cross reference the names for future use. Any volunteers? Incidentally, the presentation went well and Diana wants to do one next year on the history of the Union Depot downtown. We also had a table and display at the conference. Thanks to Dick Pennick and Bob Underhill for helping to staff for the two days. Jeff Cauthen, Bob Underhill, Frank Stites and Bruce installed a 20" monitor donated by Austin Twomley for viewing VHS tapes and DVDs. The California State Railroad Museum donated 13 boxes of SP dispatchers' sheets, all southern California sheets from the 70s and

80's. Roy Pickering worked on the computer software and backing up files and Bob found time to update the magazine lists of issues in hand. We are still trying to work out a Sunday date for the software training at La Mesa and will advise soon. We also need to work up a more comprehensive policy regarding fees for photo usage and copying. If any of you have experience in this area your input is welcome. Contact Bob Underhill via email if you can help. runderhill@mail.sdsu.edu.



Bob Underhill (L) and Roy Pickering look over some of the library software.
Frank Denison

New Signs:

Equipment signs are being made and mounted on the freight train strings on the House track and track 1 at Campo. Most are magnetic and tell the visitors about the equipment they are viewing. Larger in-ground signs were also installed telling the history of our railway museum and trackside communications systems the railroads used. Thanks to Rick Northcoat, Glen Rogers, Carlos Smith, Frank Denison and Jim Lundquist for the installation effort.



The new sign at Campo detailing the history of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum.
Frank Denison

Road Shows:

Our thanks to Dick Pennick for coordinating our road shows. On April 12th, Mark Opasinski and Dick staffed the museum booth at the Jamul Kiwanis Chili Cookoff & Classic Car Show at Pio Pico Park. This was the first use of a new tracking 2 for 1 coupon. On May 3rd, Seth Miller and Dick staffed our booth at Amtrak's National Train Day, which was also the 75th birthday of the completion of the Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal in 1939. This was our second year at L.A. Amtrak again made space for display of our 100-year old Velocipede, and it attracted a lot of attention. Also on May 3rd & 4th, Dave Tomeraasen and Glen Rogers staffed our booth at Fullerton's Railroad Days, displaying our Velocipede on Sunday. It was again the center of attention. We passed out hundreds of coded 2 for 1 coupons at these three shows. Looking ahead, On May 24th, we have a booth at Jacumba's first annual Healing Waters & Arts Festival, and the museum is again prominently mentioned in the advances (staffing to be determined.) On June 14, Flag Day, we will have a booth at El Cajon's America On Main Street celebration, and we are already prominently advertised in their pre-event promotions (staffing to be determined.) This will wind up the 2014 road show tour for the near term.

Docents: Our thanks go out to Dr. Sid Saltzstein, Duane Dubke, Tom Gray, Tom Trefney, Ann Ruppert, Bruce Deck and Glen Rogers and anyone else I didn't catch for taking the time to show our visitors our rich railroad history at La Mesa and Campo.

Thanks to Larry Rose and Frank Stites for their continuing effort to repaint the La mesa depot floor, a large and multi-day effort to clean, prep and paint.

Thank you all involved volunteers. ♦

Gift Shop Notes

By Tessa Trenfey

While picking up your train tickets, look around the gift shop. We have some interesting new items such as change banks, wallets, T-shirts, and specialty sodas.

Right now while they last: "I rode the train to Tecate" T-shirts. PSRM Members get 50% off and non-members get 25% off. ♦

Operations Volunteers, March-April

It's been a while since we've recognized the dedicated Operations volunteers who keep our trains running weekend after weekend. The following people volunteered in Operations during the months of March and April, 2014:

Randy, Houk, Rich Paulus, Jimmy Thompson, Charles Siegle, Bill Crawley, Diana Hyatt, Alanna Hyatt, Dick Pennick, Jim Baker, Hector Gonzalez, Nick Siegle, Mark Opasinski, Martin Caestecker, Glen Rogers, Dave Tomeraasen, Lonnie Corley, Dave DiGiorgio, Travis Clark, Rob Stebbins, Stephen Hager, Mike Edwards, Ken Brown, Seth Miller, Raymond Lee, Jim Peterson, James Caestecker, Robbie Smith, Donna Keagle, Bob Nickles and John Shannon. ♦

Revised Hot Scoop Submission Guidelines

By John Wright, Editor

A newsletter is only as good as the materials in it. The *Hot Scoop* is always evolving, hopefully toward a better publication. With that in mind, the submission guidelines are being revised.

The biggest change to the guidelines is for the submission of photographs. It is preferred that all photos be included as e-mail attachments in jpg format. They should be accompanied by the following information in the body of the e-mail: Name of photographer, full names of people appearing in the photo, what activity they are engaged in, the location where the photo was taken and the date of the photograph. Poorly exposed or out-of-focus images will not be used.

Submission deadlines will be rigidly adhered to. Materials not received by the deadlines will not be used. Non-time sensitive submissions may be used in the next issue, space permitting. With that in mind here are the submission deadline dates for the remainder of 2014:

May-June Issue: July 5, 2014

July-August Issue: September 6, 2014

September-October Issue: November 7, 2014

November-December Issue: January 7, 2015. ♦

Picture Page



The afternoon Golden State train returns to the Campo Depot on Sunday, March 16th.

John Wright



Nick Siegle, under the supervision of Instructor Jim Baker, practices getting aboard moving equipment during the recent Brakeman training class.

John Wright



The rare three-way switch in the Campo yard.

John Wright



Brakeman Trainee Raymond Lee gives hand signals to the engineer in preparation for coupling up.

John Wright



Alanna Hyatt and the Easter Bunny.

Frank Denison



Arco Products 6920, built by Balwin-Lima-Hamilton, is the museum's only diesel-hydraulic switcher.

John Wright

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RAILWAY MUSEUM

PETITION FOR BOARD POSITION

I, _____, being a member in good standing of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, do hereby submit this petition signed by at least ten members in good standing, in order to stand for election to the position of _____. I agree to serve the Museum in this capacity until the next election for this position. You may also submit a Statement of Candidacy of 250 words or less that will be included with the ballot materials.

Signed this _____ Day of _____, 2013

Signature: _____.

The following members in good standing support this candidate for the above position. At least 10 signatures are required below.

Print name:

Signature:

ALL NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014 TO:

**PSRM
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La Mesa, CA 91941**

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